

## TRAINING MODULE 15

### STUDY PLAN

# Veterans' Education Assistance

#### Objective:

To learn about the different educational assistance programs available for veterans, members of the Selected Reserve, and others, and how to assist an eligible veteran or other eligible person to apply for VA education assistance.

#### References:

Title 38, U.S. Code, Chapters 30, 32 and 79.

Title 10, U.S. Code, Chapters 1606 and 1607

38 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, Subparts G, K, and L, §§ 21.5001–21.5300 and §§ 21.7000–21.7810.

Education Procedures Manual M22-4, Parts 3–6; Part 8.

VA Pamphlets:22-79-1, *Summary of Educational Benefits Under the Post–Vietnam Era Veterans Educational Assistance Program, Chapter 32 of Title 38, U.S. Code, and the Educational Assistance Pilot Program, Section 903 of Public Law 96-3420*

22-90-2, *The Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty*

22-90-3, *The Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve*

22-05-1, *Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)*

80-06-01, *Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents.*

#### Instructions:

Study the assigned reference materials to learn the criteria for benefits under this program and how to assist a veteran or other eligible person submit a claim for education assistance.

#### Summary:

THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) PROVIDES AN EDUCATION ASSISTANCE allowance for certain eligible veterans; active duty service members; members of the Selected Reserve; other Reservists and National Guard members who are called to active

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duty; and to certain civilians and their family members who are covered under the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-399) and E.O. 12598.

For veterans, there are two programs currently available: 38 U.S. Code, Chapter 30 (also called the All Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program or the Montgomery GI Bill), and 38 U.S. Code, Chapter 32 (also called Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Education Assistance Program or VEAP). Chapter 32 is the older of the two programs. Both of these programs are also available for active duty personnel, but those cases would normally go through the Base or Post Education Office and County Veterans Service Offices would not be involved, so specific features for active duty service persons are not discussed here. (See the sample application on pages 15-6 through 15-9.)

For eligibility under Chapter 32, the veteran must have entered service on or after January 1, 1977, but before July 1, 1985. There is a minimum length of service requirement: originally the veteran was required to serve at least 181 continuous days, but veterans whose original enlistment was after September 7, 1980 or who entered onto active duty after October 16, 1981 (either as an officer or an enlisted member) are required to have served either 24 continuous months or the full period for which the member was called or ordered to active duty, whichever was the shorter. The minimum length of service requirement does not apply if the veteran was discharged because of hardship; was discharged under an early-out program; was discharged because of a service-connected disability; or is determined to have a service-connected disability of compensable severity. The discharge must be honorable or general under honorable conditions. The veteran has 10 years from the date of final discharge from the period of qualifying service to use the benefits; this period may be extended if the veteran re-enters active service for at least 90 days, or is prevented from training because of a disability (including the disabling effects of chronic alcoholism).

For eligibility under Chapter 30, the veteran must have entered service on or after July 1, 1985. The minimum length of service is 36 months of continuous service unless the term of service was less than three years, in which case the minimum is 24 months of continuous service. The minimum length of service requirements do not apply if the veteran is discharged because of hardship; is discharged for the convenience of the Government; is discharged for disability; is discharged because of a non-disabling medical condition which interferes with performance of duty; or is discharged because of a reduction in force.

While on active duty, the veteran must have either completed the requirements for a high-school diploma or equivalency certificate or completed 12 hours towards a college degree. The discharge must be honorable; a general discharge under honorable conditions does not establish eligibility. The veteran has 10 years from the date of final discharge from the period of qualifying service to use the benefits; this period may be extended if the veteran re-enters active service for at least 90 days or is prevented from training because of a disability (including the disabling effects of chronic alcoholism) or because of being held by a foreign government or power.

Both Chapter 30 and Chapter 32 require that while on active duty the veteran contribute specified amounts of his or her salary to an education fund account. If the veteran did not contribute, or (Chapter 32 only) withdraws his or her contributions, there is no eligibility for education assistance. Amounts withheld for Chapter 30 are not refundable. Both programs entitle the veteran

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to 36 months of benefits, except that under Chapter 30 if the veteran is discharged prior to completing the full enlistment period for any reason other than convenience of the Government, entitlement accrues at the rate of one month for each month actually served.

The Montgomery GI Bill also established an Educational Assistance program for members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserves (includes the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard) under Title 10, U.S. Code, Chapter 1606. Eligibility for this program requires that beginning on or after July 1, 1985 the Reservist agrees to serve a six-year obligation in the Selected Reserve (an officer must agree to serve six years in addition to any other obligation). The Reservist must have completed the initial period of active duty for training and must already meet the requirements for a high school diploma or equivalency certificate. The Reservist must drill in a drilling Selected Reserve unit and remain a member in good standing of the unit.

Previously, an eligible Reservist was not required to contribute any part of his or her salary to the education fund account. However, Public Law 108-454 now requires that Reservists who are called to active duty and who serve on active duty for two years or more must contribute \$1,200 to the education fund account within one year from the date he or she has completed two years of active duty for full eligibility.

Under Chapter 1606, a Reservist has 10 years from the date he or she first becomes eligible under this program to use the benefits, provided he or she remains in the Selected Reserve during this time. The 10-year period may be extended if the Reservist is unable to train because of a disability caused by service in the Selected Reserve. If the Reservist is called to active duty, the period of eligibility will be extended by the length of the period of active duty service plus four months. Even if the Reservist leaves the Selected Reserve, he or she may still have the full 10-year period of eligibility, provided:

- That he or she has a disability not due to misconduct; or
- He or she was involuntarily separated under provisions of 10 USC 286(b), during the period October 1, 1991 through September 30, 1999; or
- The unit was inactivated during the period October 1, 1991 through September 30, 1999.

There is also a program under 10 USC, Chapter 1607, called the Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP), for members of the Selected Reserves, the Individual Ready Reserves, and the National Guard who have been called to active duty for 90 consecutive days or longer since September 11, 2001. This is a combined program, jointly administered by VA, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Homeland Security. Basic eligibility under this program requires that the Reservist or Guard member must have been called to active duty under 10 USC (or 32 USC 502(f), for National Guard), and have served on active duty for at least 90 consecutive days. Members who serve less than 90 consecutive days but who are released from active duty because of service-connected disability are also eligible. There is no fixed ending date for eligibility, except for members of the Ready Reserve who are released from active duty for disability not due to willful misconduct—in these cases, the period of eligibility ends 10 years from the date eligibility was initially established. For all others, eligibility continues so long as the member continues to serve in the same Reserve component or the National Guard, except that a member called up from the Selected Reserve would not remain eligible if the member then went into the Individual Ready Reserve.

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An eligible Reservist under either Chapter 1606 or 1607 is entitled to 36 months of education assistance benefits under that program, or, if entitled under more than one program, to a maximum of 48 months combined under all programs to which entitled.

For certain survivors of active duty service members and veterans who met service and other requirements and who had contributed to the education fund while on active duty (even if the full \$1,200 had not been contributed at the time of death), but who had died before their contributions were used, there is provision for payment of the unused portion to a designated survivor (the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) death benefit). The service member must have died on active duty, in line of duty; a veteran separated from service must have died within one year of separation from active duty, from service-connected causes. The amount available is reduced by any amounts already paid out for education purposes; if the full \$1,200 had not yet been collected, only the amount actually collected is available. If the veteran died after service, the amount available is reduced by the amount of any accrued benefits paid or payable, whether the accrued is education benefits or other payments.

The proper claimant for this benefit is:

1. The designated SGLI beneficiary;
2. If there is no SGLI beneficiary designated, the veteran's spouse;
3. If there is no spouse, the veteran's children, in equal shares; or
4. If there are no children, the veteran's parents, in equal shares.

If there is no claimant in any of these categories, the benefit is not payable.

Exclusive jurisdiction of MGIB death benefit cases is under the VA Regional Office, P.O. Box 66830, St. Louis, Missouri, and claims for the MGIB death benefit should be directed there. There is no specific application; any written communication will suffice. A copy of DD-1300, Report of Casualty, or death certificate (as appropriate) should accompany the latter. If the claimant is not the designated SGLI beneficiary, proof of relationship should also be sent.

VA also provides educational benefits for Civil Service employees of the United States and certain other civilians who were rendering personal services to the United States similar to a Civil Service employee, who were taken into captivity by a hostile power because of that relationship with the United States and subsequently released. Benefits are also available to family members of persons held in captivity under such circumstances or to family members of persons who die while in captivity under such circumstances. Determinations as to eligibility under these provisions are made by the Director General of the Foreign Service, Department of State. If eligibility is established, the former captive has 10 years from the date of release from captivity to use the benefits. A spouse will become eligible for benefits from the 91st day of captivity and continuing until 10 years from the date of release of the captive or 10 years from the date of death of the captive. Children will become eligible for benefits on the 91st day of captivity, but eligibility ends the date the captive is freed or released from captivity. Further, children are not eligible for benefits beyond age 21. An eligible person under this program has 45 months of entitlement to benefits. No contributions are required.

If a person has eligibility to benefits under more than one education or training program, including also Vocational Rehabilitation or Dependents' Education Assistance, the maximum amount of entitlement allowed under all programs combined is 48 months. The veteran or eligible

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person must elect under which program benefits are to be paid for any given course or enrollment period. All programs charge entitlement to benefits at the rate of one day of entitlement per one day of full-time training; the entitlement charges are pro-rated for training at less than full-time. Under certain circumstances, some of the programs will not make a charge against entitlement for certain types of training.

The monthly rates payable vary according to the particular program, the type of training (institutional, apprenticeship, etc.), and the rate of training. Monthly rates for Chapter 1607 training vary according to the length of time the Reservist or Guard member serves on active duty. Under certain circumstances, veterans training under Chapter 30 may be entitled to additional amounts for dependents, if training at the half-time rate or greater; except for veterans training under Vocational Rehabilitation, no other veterans or eligible persons are entitled to payment for dependents under any of the programs.

All of the programs allow essentially similar types of training: Degree programs at a college or university; independent courses of study; certificate programs from a trade, business, or vocational school; apprenticeship or on-job training programs; farm cooperative training programs; high school level programs (Chapter 32 veterans, former captives and spouses); remedial, refresher, or deficiency courses; correspondence courses; vocational flight training (except former captives and family members). None of the programs will pay benefits for self-improvement courses, courses given by radio or entirely by television, bartending courses, audited courses, repeats of courses previously successfully completed, or courses not leading to an educational, professional or vocational objective.


Jurisdiction over all education and training programs (except for Vocational Rehabilitation) is centralized, and claims for such benefits must be forwarded to the proper office of jurisdiction. The VA Regional Office, Baltimore, Maryland, has exclusive jurisdiction of education and training claims from former captives and their family members under Public Law 99-399 and Executive Order 12598. All of the other programs are under the jurisdiction of one of five Regional Offices depending on the veteran's, service person's, or Reservist's address and/or place of training, as follows:

- Eastern Region—VARO Buffalo, New York
- Southern Region (includes Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands)—VARO Atlanta, Georgia
- Central Region—VARO St. Louis, Missouri
- Western Region (includes all U.S. Pacific islands except for the Philippines)—VARO Muskogee, Oklahoma
- Republic of the Philippines—VARO Manila

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SAMPLE COPY

OMB Control No. 2900-0154  
Respondent Burden: 54 Minutes

 <b>Department of Veterans Affairs</b>		<b>APPLICATION FOR VA EDUCATION BENEFITS</b> (See attached Information and Instructions)	
INTERNET VERSION AVAILABLE. You can submit this application over the Internet at the following site: <a href="http://www.gibill.va.gov">www.gibill.va.gov</a>			
<b>PART I - APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>			
1. EDUCATION BENEFIT BEING APPLIED FOR: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. MONTGOMERY GI BILL - ACTIVE DUTY EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (Chapter 30, Title 38 U.S.C.) <input type="checkbox"/> B. VEAP/NON-CONTRIBUTORY VEAP (Post-Vietnam Era Educational Assistance Program) (Chapter 32, Title 38 U.S.C.) (Section 903, Public Law 96-342) <input type="checkbox"/> C. MONTGOMERY GI BILL - SELECTED RESERVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (Chapter 1606, Title 10 U.S.C.) <input type="checkbox"/> D. SPOUSE OR CHILD'S APPLICATION FOR MONTGOMERY GI BILL - ACTIVE DUTY EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (Chapter 30, Title 10 U.S.C.) UNDER TRANSFER OF ENTITLEMENT PROVISIONS <input type="checkbox"/> E. UNSURE WHICH EDUCATION BENEFIT APPLIES TO ME			
2. NAME OF APPLICANT (First, Middle, Last) Lewis M. Johnson		3. SEX OF APPLICANT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	
4. DATE OF BIRTH OF APPLICANT (Month, Day, Year) 07/22/1959		5. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF APPLICANT 237-72-8976	
ADDRESS OF APPLICANT P.O. Box 666 Mokelumne Hill, CA 95220			
7. ARE YOU A VETERAN OR SERVICE MEMBER APPLYING FOR VA EDUCATION BENEFITS BASED ON YOUR OWN SERVICE? (If "No," complete Items 8 thru 14 in Part II. If "Yes," skip to Part III, Item 15)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
<b>PART II - TRANSFER OF ENTITLEMENT INFORMATION</b> (Only Spouse and Children should complete Part II)			
8. WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE VETERAN OR SERVICE MEMBER WHO TRANSFERRED ENTITLEMENT TO YOU? <input type="checkbox"/> SPOUSE <input type="checkbox"/> CHILD		9. IF YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE VETERAN OR SERVICE MEMBER IS A SPOUSE OR CHILD, IS VA FORM 21-686c ATTACHED? (See Instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
10. NAME OF VETERAN OR SERVICE MEMBER WHO TRANSFERRED ENTITLEMENT TO YOU (First, Middle, Last)		11. SEX OF VETERAN OR SERVICE MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	
13. ADDRESS OF VETERAN OR SERVICE MEMBER		12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF VETERAN OR SERVICE MEMBER	
14. DATE OF BIRTH OF VETERAN OR SERVICE MEMBER (Month, Day, Year)			
<b>PART III - ADDITIONAL APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>			
15. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF APPLICANT (Including Area Code) A. DAY (209) 555-1212 B. EVENING (209) 555-1212		16. E-MAIL ADDRESS OF APPLICANT NONE	
17. DIRECT DEPOSIT INFORMATION Please attach a voided personal check or provide the following information. Direct Deposit may not be available for VEAP. See Item 17 of Instructions.			
A. TYPE OF ACCOUNT (Check the type of account. If you do not have an account, check the box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHECKING <input type="checkbox"/> SAVINGS <input type="checkbox"/> I DO NOT HAVE AN ACCOUNT			
B. NAME OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION FIRST BANK		C. ACCOUNT NUMBER 111222333	
		D. ROUTING OR TRANSIT NUMBER 0000998888	
18. PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER OF SOMEONE WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW WHERE YOU CAN BE REACHED Monica Johnson 1111 Hwy 88 Valley Springs, CA 95220 (209) 555-1212			
19. TYPE OF EDUCATION BENEFITS PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR (Check all applicable boxes) (See Instructions for information about these education benefits)			
<input type="checkbox"/> A. VETERAN'S EDUCATION BENEFITS		<input type="checkbox"/> C. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION BENEFITS	
<input type="checkbox"/> B. DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE BENEFITS		<input type="checkbox"/> D. DISABILITY COMPENSATION OR PENSION BENEFITS	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E. NONE	
		<input type="checkbox"/> F. OTHER (Specify)	
COMPLETE ONLY IF ITEM 19B IS CHECKED		20A. NAME OF VETERAN - PARENT/SPOUSE	
		20B. VETERAN - PARENT/SPOUSE'S FILE NUMBER	
21. HAVE YOU ALREADY RECEIVED AN INFORMATION PAMPHLET EXPLAINING EDUCATION BENEFIT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR? (See Instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			

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22. PROGRAM OF EDUCATION OR TRAINING					
A. DO YOU KNOW YOUR EDUCATIONAL OR CAREER GOAL (Please specify)					
SCHOOL TEACHER					
B. HAVE YOU SELECTED THE SPECIFIC PROGRAM OF EDUCATION YOU PLAN TO TAKE? (If "Yes," list each diploma and specific degree or vocational course you anticipate needing to teach the final degree or occupation you showed in Item 22A. If "No," leave this item blank)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
C. EDUCATION OR TRAINING WILL BE BY: (Check more than one, if necessary)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COLLEGE OR OTHER SCHOOL <input type="checkbox"/> APPRENTICESHIP OR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING <input type="checkbox"/> I SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FOR A LICENSING OR CERTIFICATION TEST					
<input type="checkbox"/> CORRESPONDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> VOCATIONAL FLIGHT TRAINING <input type="checkbox"/> TUITION ASSISTANCE TOP-UP					
D. HAVE YOU SELECTED YOUR SCHOOL OR TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT? (If "Yes," Specify its complete name and mailing address. If "No," leave this item blank.) (If you are only applying for licensing and certification tests, do not answer this question, but skip to Item 23)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
E. DO YOU KNOW THE DATE YOU WILL BEGIN YOUR SCHOOLING OR TRAINING? (If "Yes," specify the date. If "No," leave this item blank)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO 01/10/2005					
F. DO YOU PLAN TO TAKE ANY REFRESHER COURSES? (See Instructions for Item 22F) (If "Yes," list the refresher courses by name and number and give your reasons for needing such training in Item 31, Remarks)					
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO					
PART IV - SERVICE INFORMATION					
23. ACTIVE DUTY INFORMATION					
A. ARE YOU NOW ON ACTIVE DUTY OR FULL-TIME NATIONAL GUARD DUTY? (Attach any Title 32 orders)					
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO					
B. ARE YOU NOW ON TERMINAL LEAVE JUST BEFORE DISCHARGE?					
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO					
C. ARE YOU A SERVICE ACADEMY (i.e., WEST POINT, NAVAL ACADEMY, ETC.) GRADUATE? (If "Yes," specify the year you graduated and received your commission)					
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO					
D. WERE YOU COMMISSIONED AS A RESULT OF ROTC (RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS) SCHOLARSHIP? (If "Yes," specify in Remarks, Item 31, the date of your commission and the amount of your scholarship for each school year you were in the ROTC program. Do not report your monthly subsistence allowance)					
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO					
24. PERIODS OF ACTIVE DUTY					
Please give the following information about each period of active duty. You should complete Items 24A through 24F unless you are a veteran and you are attaching a certified copy of your discharge paper or orders for each of your periods of active service. (Do not report any Active Duty for Training. See Instructions for these items.)					
A. DATE ENTERED ACTIVE DUTY	B. DATE SEPARATED FROM ACTIVE DUTY	C. BRANCH OF SERVICE OR RESERVE OR GUARD COMPONENT	D. CHARACTER OF DISCHARGE	E. WERE YOU INVOLUNTARILY CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY FOR THIS PERIOD? (If "Yes," attach copies of your orders)	F. IF SERVICE IS NATIONAL GUARD, INDICATE IS AUTHORITY IS TITLE 10 (FEDERAL) OR TITLE 32 (STATE) (If Title 32, attach copies of your orders)
08/24/1983	09/23/2003	USMC	HONORABLE	NO	N/A
You should specify in Item 31, Remarks, any periods of active duty which reflect: a. Full time assignment by a service department to a civilian school for a course of education substantially the same as established courses for civilians; b. Attendance at a service academy; c. Non-creditable time. (Time lost because of industrial or agricultural furlough, under arrest without acquittal, AWOL, desertion, undergoing sentence of court-martial, etc.)					
25. CHAPTER 30 CLAIMANTS ONLY					
A. COMPLETE THIS ITEM ONLY IF YOU CHECKED BOX 1A IF YOU HAD A PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE COUNTS FOR PURPOSES OF REPAYING AN EDUCATION LOAN YOU MUST CHECK "YES" AND SHOW THE PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY THAT THE MILITARY CONSIDERS AS BEING USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF REPAYING THIS EDUCATION LOAN IN ITEM 31, REMARKS	B. DO YOU QUALIFY FOR A "KICKER"? ("KICKERS" ARE AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO AN EDUCATION FUND ON BEHALF OF INDIVIDUALS TO ENCOURAGE ENLISTMENT OR RETENTION IN THE ARMED FORCES, USUALLY IN SPECIALIZED AREAS THE MILITARY ALSO CALLS THIS THE "COLLEGE FUND.") IF YOU QUALIFY FOR A "KICKER", YOU MUST CHECK "YES" AND SHOW THE PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY THAT THE "KICKER" APPLIES TO IN ITEM 31, REMARKS			C. COMPLETE THIS ITEM ONLY IF YOU CHECKED BOX 1A. DID YOU MAKE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF MONTHLY MGIB BENEFITS PAYABLE? IF YOU MADE ANY ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS YOU MUST CHECK "YES" AND SHOW THE AMOUNT OF YOUR ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN ITEM 31, REMARKS	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	

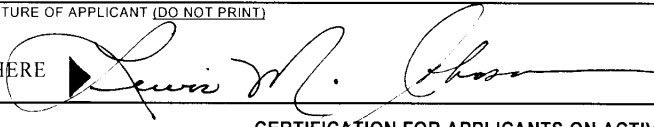

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26. PERIODS OF RESERVE OR NATIONAL GUARD INFORMATION					
A. ARE YOU NOW IN THE RESERVE OR NATIONAL GUARD? (Do not list Individual Ready Reserve service)					
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO					
B. DATE ENTERED RESERVE OR GUARD	C. DATE SEPARATED FROM RESERVE OR GUARD		D. RESERVE OR GUARD COMPONENT		
E. DO YOU QUALIFY FOR A "KICKER"? ("KICKERS" ARE AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO AN EDUCATION FUND ON BEHALF OF INDIVIDUALS TO ENCOURAGE ENLISTMENT OR RETENTION IN THE RESERVE OR NATIONAL GUARD FORCES, USUALLY IN SPECIALIZED AREAS.) IF YOU QUALIFY FOR A "KICKER", YOU MUST CHECK "YES" AND SHOW THE PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY THAT THE "KICKER" APPLIES IN ITEM 31, REMARKS					
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO					
PART V - EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION					
27A. DID YOU GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL? (If "Yes," state the date of your graduation)			27B. IF YOU DID NOT GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL, DO YOU HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CERTIFICATE? (If "Yes," state the date you completed the requirements for this certificate)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
27C. EDUCATION AFTER HIGH SCHOOL (INCLUDE ALL APPRENTICESHIP, ON-THE-JOB TRAINING, AND FLIGHT TRAINING (See Instructions))					
NAME AND LOCATION OF COLLEGE OR OTHER TRAINING PROVIDER (Include City and State)	DATES OF TRAINING		HOURS (Semester, Quarter, or Clock)	DEGREE DIPLOMA, OR CERTIFICATE RECEIVED	MAJOR FIELD OR COURSE OF STUDY
	FROM	TO			
NONE					
27D. DO YOU HOLD ANY FAA FLIGHT CERTIFICATES? (If "Yes," specify each certificate in Item 31, Remarks)					
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO					
28. EMPLOYMENT (Answer either lines A and B or C and D)					
EMPLOYMENT (HAVING MILITARY SERVICE)	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION	NUMBER OF MONTHS IN THAT OCCUPATION	LICENSE OR RATING		
A. BEFORE ENTERING MILITARY SERVICE	HIGH SCHOOL				
B. AFTER LEAVING MILITARY SERVICE	NONE				
EMPLOYMENT (HAVING NO MILITARY SERVICE)	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION	NUMBER OF MONTHS IN THAT OCCUPATION	LICENSE OR RATING		
C. JOB 1 (SINCE LEAVING HIGH SCHOOL)					
D. JOB 2 (SINCE LEAVING HIGH SCHOOL)					
PART VI - ENTITLEMENT TO OTHER TYPES OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE					
(See Instructions. If you check "Yes" to any of these questions, give full details in Item 31, Remarks.)					
NOTE: Do not answer Item 29A if you are applying for Tuition Assistance Top-up only. Claimants can receive both TA (Tuition Assistance) from the military and Tuition Assistance Top-up from VA for the same course.					
29A. ARE YOU RECEIVING OR DO YOU ANTICIPATE RECEIVING ANY MONEY (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE) FROM THE ARMED FORCES OR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE FOR THE COURSE FOR WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED TO VA FOR EDUCATION BENEFITS? IF YOU RECEIVE SUCH BENEFITS DURING ANY PART OF YOUR TRAINING YOU MUST CHECK "YES" AND SHOW COMPLETE DETAILS IN ITEM 31, REMARKS. YOU NEED TO IDENTIFY THE SOURCE OF THE FUNDS.					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
29B. COMPLETE ONLY IF YOU HAVE CHECKED ITEM 1C CHAPTER 1606 BENEFITS IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN AN ROTC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DOES THAT PROGRAM PAY FOR YOUR TUITION FEES, BOOKS AND SUPPLIES UNDER SECTION 2107, TITLE 10, U.S. CODE? (DO NOT INCLUDE MONTHLY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE.)					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
29C. THIS QUESTION IS FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. IT IS NOT FOR ACTIVE DUTY PERSONS OR WORK-STUDY RECIPIENTS. IF YOU ARE A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, CHECK "YES" IN THIS ITEM. THEN, COMPLETE ITEM 29D.					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
29D. IF YOU EXPECT TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM YOUR AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT FOR THE SAME COURSE FOR WHICH YOU EXPECT TO RECEIVE VA EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE, YOU MUST CHECK "YES" AND SHOW COMPLETE DETAILS IN ITEM 31, REMARKS. DESCRIBE THE SOURCE OF THESE FUNDS.					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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<b>PART VII. MARITAL AND DEPENDENCY STATUS</b> <i>(See Instructions)</i>	
NOTE: ONLY COMPLETE THIS ITEM IF YOU CHECKED ITEM IA, MONTGOMERY GI BILL - ACTIVE DUTY with military service (or delayed entry) before January 1, 1977. See Instructions.	
30A. ARE YOU CURRENTLY MARRIED?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
30B. DO YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN WHO ARE:	
(1) UNDERAGE 18? OR	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
(2) OVER 18 BUT UNDERAGE 23, NOT MARRIED AND ATTENDING SCHOOL? <u>OR</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
(3) OF ANY AGE PERMANENTLY HELPLESS FOR MENTAL OR PHYSICAL REASONS?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
30C. IS EITHER YOUR FATHER OR MOTHER DEPENDENT UPON YOU FOR SUPPORT?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
31. REMARKS <i>(If more space is needed, please attach separate sheet of paper)</i>	
<b>PART VIII. CERTIFICATIONS</b>	
<b>CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT</b>	
I CERTIFY THAT all statements in my application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief	
PENALTY: Willful false statements as to a material fact in a claim for education benefits is a punishable offense and may result in the forfeiture of these or other benefits and in criminal penalties.	
32A. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>(DO NOT PRINT)</i>	32B. DATE SIGNED
SIGN HERE IN INK 	01-05-05
<b>CERTIFICATION FOR APPLICANTS ON ACTIVE DUTY</b>	
I CERTIFY THAT this individual is a member of the branch of the Armed Forces shown below and has consulted with me regarding his/her education program.	
33A. SIGNATURE, TITLE AND BRANCH OF SERVICE OF ARMED FORCES EDUCATION OFFICER	33B. DATE SIGNED
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### **Study Questions:**

Using the assigned references and reading materials, answer the following questions:

- 1.** A veteran who is eligible for Chapter 30 education benefits may complete the requirements for a G.E.D. without charge to entitlement under this program.  
(T/F)
- 2.** If a veteran is eligible for education assistance benefits under more than one program, the maximum combined entitlement under all programs is:
  - a.** 24 months
  - b.** 36 months
  - c.** 48 months
  - d.** 60 months
- 3.** If a veteran did not contribute a portion of his or her salary to the Education/Training Fund while on active duty, he or she will be paid education benefits at a reduced rate.  
(T/F)
- 4.** Which of the following is not true for Chapter 30 education benefits:
  - a.** The veteran must have entered service on or after July 1, 1985.
  - b.** The veteran must have served at least 36 continuous months of active duty; or, if the term of service was less than 36 months, served at least 24 continuous months; or have been discharged for disability, for hardship, for the convenience of the Government, or because of a reduction in force.
  - c.** The veteran must have completed high school or the equivalent, or have completed 12 units or more towards a college degree before the end of the qualifying service.
  - d.** The veteran's discharge from the period of qualifying service must have been honorable or general under honorable conditions.
- 5.** Veterans eligible for education benefits under either Chapter 30 or Chapter 32 have 10 years from the day following discharge from the most recent period of service of 90 days or longer duration to use their benefits. (T/F)

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- 6.** VA education benefits are available to certain members of the Reserves and National Guard who agree to serve the following Reserve obligation:
  - a.** Two years
  - b.** Four years
  - c.** Six years
  - d.** Eight years
  
- 7.** Assuming that all minimum length of service and other requirements are met, what is the basic length of entitlement to benefits under Chapter 30 and Chapter 32?
  - a.** 24 months
  - b.** 36 months
  - c.** 45 months
  - d.** 48 months
  
- 8.** The 10-year period of eligibility for veterans under either Chapter 30 or Chapter 32 or for members of the Ready Reserve may be extended if a disability prevented the veteran or Reservist from beginning or completing a program of education or training during those 10 years. (T/F)
  
- 9.** If a U.S. Civil Service employee assigned overseas is taken captive by a hostile power, how long must that person be held for him or her to qualify for education benefits under Public Law 99-399?
  - a.** 60 days
  - b.** 90 days
  - c.** 180 days
  - d.** There is no minimum length of captivity to qualify under this program.
  
- 10.** The child of a person who qualifies under Public Law 99-399 may receive VA education assistance until:
  - a.** Age 21
  - b.** Age 23
  - c.** Age 26
  - d.** Age 31

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- 11.** So long as the veteran, Reservist, or eligible person is training at the half-time rate or better, all of the various education programs pay additional amounts for dependents.  
(T/F)